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introduction

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, and to MPEP §609, Applicant encloses a Form PTO/SB/08a listing references for consideration by the examiner.

The listed references were cited in an examination document dated 24 June 2008, from the Japan Patent Office, for Japan Patent Application 2004-051569, which corresponds to related U.S. Patent Application 11/052,363 (Our Ref. HGM-192-A).

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Also enclosed are copies of the listed references, with attached English translations of their respective abstracts.

relevancy

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims presently on file patentably distinguish the present invention from each of the listed references.

The listed references are being cited only in the interests of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which anticipates the present invention or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill

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On 19 March 2008, the Patent Office issued a non-final office action in the subject U.S. application.

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Based on the above considerations, there is **no fee** required to file this Information Disclosure Statement for the examiner's consideration. The Commissioner, however, is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency which may be required in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, as well as to charge any deficiency which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or to credit any excess paid during the entire pendency of the application, to Deposit Account 50-0744 in the name of Carrier, Blackman & Associates, P.C.

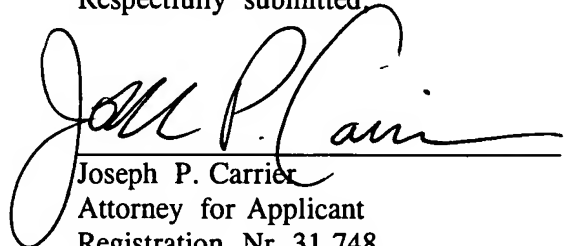
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Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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